

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**

**DECEMBER 15, 2009**

**Extend Reward Offer – Robert Rodwell**

On Wednesday morning, May 13, 2009, a 28 year old African American Robert Rodwell, was shot and killed as he was pulling out of his drive way in the 1400 block of 105<sup>th</sup> Street in Athens, in Los Angeles County. Rodwell was with his wife when an assailant approached their car and shot him several times.

This teacher was taken prematurely from his family, friends, students and colleagues. His daughter lost a father, and his students lost a teacher and mentor. The person or persons responsible for this crime must be caught and tried. No arrests have been made in this case, and so far no witnesses have come forward. Sheriff's Department representatives indicate that a reward offer would be helpful in solving this heinous murder, thus bringing some sense of closure and justice to Rodwell's family.

On June 23, 2009 this Board approved a \$10,000 reward offer which was re-established on September 29, 2009. The reward is due to expire again on December 28, 2009 and the lead investigator from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department believes

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that extending the reward offer would assist them to apprehend the suspect in this senseless murder of Robert Rodwell.

**I THEREFORE MOVE, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Extend the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of 28-year old Robert Rodwell, who was shot and killed on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, in the 1400 block of 105<sup>th</sup> Street in Los Angeles County.

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